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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of  
FABRICE BILLARANT  
Serial No. 10/688,483  
Filed October 17, 2003  
For MOULDED-OVER ARTICLE  
WITH A SMALL BAND  
COMPRISING HOOKS

) Group Art Unit 3677  
)  
) Ruth C. Rodriguez, Examiner  
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**AMENDMENT A**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2005,  
Applicant, through his attorney, replies as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins  
on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.